

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): An ion exchange membrane electrolytic cell comprising:  
an anode chamber accommodating an anode ~~and an anode current collector~~;  
a cathode chamber accommodating a hydrogen-generating cathode ~~and a cathode current collector~~;  
an ion exchange membrane dividing the electrolytic cell into the anode chamber and the cathode chamber; and  
an elastic cushion formed by winding a metal coil around a corrosion-resistant frame, ~~sandwiched between the anode and the anode current collector and/or between the hydrogen-generating cathode and the cathode current collector.~~
- 3 - 9. (canceled).
10. (new): The ion exchange membrane electrolytic cell as claimed in claim 2, wherein:  
the anode chamber further accommodates an anode current collector;  
the cathode chamber further accommodates a cathode current collector; and

the elastic cushion formed by winding the metal coil around the corrosion-resistant frame is sandwiched between the anode and the anode current collector and/or between the hydrogen-generating cathode and the cathode current collector.

11. (new): An ion exchange membrane electrolytic cell as claimed in claim 2, wherein:  
the anode chamber further accommodates an anode chamber wall;  
the cathode chamber further accommodates a cathode chamber wall; and  
the elastic cushion formed by winding the metal coil around the corrosion-resistant frame is sandwiched between the anode and the anode chamber wall and/or between the hydrogen-generating cathode and the cathode chamber wall.

12. (new): An ion exchange membrane electrolytic cell as claimed in claim 2, wherein:  
at least one of the anode and cathode is an elastic electrode supporting an electrode catalyst.

13. (new): The ion exchange membrane electrolytic cell as claimed in claim 12, further comprising an electrode current collector in contact with the elastic electrode for supplying current from the electrode current collector.